A Quarterly Meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, 8:30 A.M., at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue in Jamestown.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.

## **Members Present:**

David A. Darlington, Chairman

Richard P. Eannarino, Vice Chairman

Stephen C. Waluk

Arthur H. Fletcher

William "Chuck" Alves

**Invited Guests:** 

**Buddy Croft, Executive Director** 

Christine H. Callahan, CFO/Controller

**Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations** 

Peter M. Janaros, P.E., Director of Engineering

**Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance** 

JoAnn Head, Executive Assistant

Bernard A. Jackvony, Legal Counsel

Meredith Pickering, Fiscal Advisor

Stephen Clarke, RITBA Union Steward

Item No. 2

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino,

passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2009 public meeting.

Item No. 3

A motion was make by Arthur H. Fletcher and seconded by William Chuck Alves to institute a new toll rate structure. Upon recommendation of the Board, Arthur H. Fletcher and William "Chuck" Alves agreed to amend their original motion. The amendments passed 3 to 1 Stephen C. Waluk voted no. The Board voted 3 to 1 to approve the new rate structure as amended. Stephen C. Waluk opposed. Board member Waluk felt Newport County Tourism would suffer at this time and would like to be more aggressive on the re-tolling the Mt. Hope Bridge.

Item No. 4 Executive Session

Item No. 5 Executive Session

Item No. 6

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to ratify: Aetna Bridge – Newport/Pell Bridge

**Electrical Upgrade** 

**Application No. 14 \$ 38,163.71** 

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Item No. 7

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to ratify: ATC Lincoln Associates – Newport/Pell Bridge

Invoice 1556898 \$ 4,008.53

Invoice 1559699 27,042.73

Invoice 1560438 12,700.80

Total \$ 43,752.06

Item No. 8

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to ratify: BMI – Assessment Services for RITBA

Invoice No. RITBA-6-2009 \$ 25,923.40

Item No. 9

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to ratify: Cardi Corporation – Mt. Hope Bridge

**Tower Piers & Anchorages Rehabilitation** 

Partial Payment No. 5 \$249,273.65

Item No. 10

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to ratify: Parsons Transportation Group – Mt. Hope Bridge

**Deck CSS contractor Submittal Review & Deck CSS Other** 

Invoice 09051649 \$ 3,184.38

**Construction Support Tower Rehabilitation** 

Invoice 00954650 1,254.29

Contract 08-1 CSS

Invoice 09051651 19,255.26

Invoice 09061016 22,449.85

Total \$ 46,143.78

Board member Arthur H. Fletcher noted that although he approved ratification of items 9 and 10, he opposed the approval of both projects at the RITBA Board meeting of August 6, 2008.

Item No. 11

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to ratify: PB Americas, Inc. – Newport/Pell Bridge

**Toll Plaza Lighting** 

Invoice 392955 \$ 3,805.23

**Ten Year Plan** 

Invoice 392868 2,467.02

Toll Booth HVAC – Contract 07-7 681.45

Contract 08-4 CCS

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Item No. 11 (con't) Invoice 391531 1,321.19

Invoice 392876 1,651.48

**Design for Contract 08-4 Bridge Deck Repairs** 

Invoice 392877 2,324.38

**Design for Contract 09-1** 

Invoice 391500 25,626.25

Invoice 392875 33,869.91

**Median Barrier** 

Invoice 392874 1,321.19

**2008 In-Depth Inspection 5,688.01** 

Total \$78,756.11

Item No. 12

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to ratify: TMC Services, Inc. – Mt. Hope Bridge Contract 08-5 Payment No. 004 \$ 8,096.44

## Item No. 13

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to ratify: Wilbur Smith Associates – RITBA E-ZPass Implementation

Invoice 534902 \$11,342.55 Invoice 535690 612.35 Total \$11,954.90

Item No. 14

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to approve and authorize the use of PB America for the submission of the application for the ARRA Tiger Grant on behalf of the Authority.

Item No. 15

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve the renewal of the Authority's insurance coverage with Starkweather & Shepley with an insurance premium finance agreement based on an installment payment plan in the total amount of \$877,888.00.

Item No. 16

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to approve the Executive Director to expend funds not to exceed \$50,000 to conduct and complete a review of the Authority's current physical plant.

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Item No. 17

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed

unanimously to approve that the Authority re-apply for funds from the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation "RIEDC" to explore alternative energy sources.

Item No. 18

Chairman's Report – David A. Darlington

**Deferred to the Executive Director's Report** 

Item No. 19

**Executive Director's Report – Buddy Croft** 

7/9/09 – IAG Policy Conference Call

7/13/09 - Senior Staff Meeting

7/14/09 - Public Hearing @ CCRI Newport

7/15 – 7/17 – IBTTA Board Meeting @ Denver

7/21/09 - Public Hearing @ Jamestown Town Hall

7/23/09 – Senior Staff Meeting

7/23/09 - John Simmons / RIPEC

7/24/09 – Meeting with Jerry Williams @ RWC

7/27/09 - NE Toll Directors @ Boston

7/28/09 - State Police Re: Unpaid Tolls

7/29/09 – Aquidneck Island Planning Announcement

7/30 & 7/31/09 - Labor Relations Conference @ Providence

8/6/09 - IBTTA Conference Call

**8/11/09 – Staff Meeting** 

Item No. 20

**CFO/Controller's Report – Christine H. Callahan** 

**Omitted** 

Item No. 21

**Engineer's Report – Peter M. Janaros, P.E.** 

- 09-1 Steel Repairs and Painting under final design for bid this Summer.
- 08-4 Deck Repairs and Seal Replacements to be continued through July
- Ramp Project, RIDOT & RITBA recommended Alternative "A".
  On-Site meeting with

City DOT May 19, 2009. Awaiting city council endorsement.

- Jamestown soil remediation, ATC/Lincoln completed removal. ELUR's required from Town for DEM Documentation.
- Newport Noise Barriers Rep. Peter Martin meeting May 19 with RIDOT. RIDOT exploring options.
- Toll Plaza Lights to be replaced this summer.
- RITBA Administration Building Selection Committee
- LNG US Coast Guard decision

Mt. Hope Bridge

- Contract 08-1 Tower Pier Rehabilitation ongoing through this year –
  Behind schedule one month. Recovery schedule submitted.
- Contract 08-5 Mt. Hope Lead Remediation Close out this Spring.
  Close out report submitted to DEM this month
- RIDOT Concrete Testing Assistance; Outstanding
- LNG US Coast Guard decision

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Item No. 22

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by, Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to go into executive session pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (1) Personnel Matters, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (2) Potential Litigation, Litigation, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (3) Security Matters at 9:20 A.M.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 10:44 A.M.

The following items we approved after coming out of Executive Session

Item No. 4

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve:

Pannone, Lopes & Devereaux & West LLC

Professional Services for June and July 2009 \$20,055.44

Item No. 5

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William "Chuck" Alves, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C.

**Professional Services for June and July 2009** 

\$5,321.25

Item No. 23

Motion by William "Chuck" Alves, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve the authorization of the Executive Director to enter into a Conduit Lease Agreement with OSHEAN.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 A.M.

Buddy Croft Secretary